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Dear Sir

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It is with satisfaction that I can add my entire confidence in your integrity

capacity, and economy, in the
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or working, lines of Telegraph.

Yours. Very Respectfully
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